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PAVITR PRABHAKAR HAS THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH, AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER, ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES, AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! AFTER THE TRAGIC DEATH OF HIS UNCLE BHIM, PAVITR UNDERSTOOD THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. HE BECAME...

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"SEVA" PART IV

AFTER A SUCCESSFUL SMEAR CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE WEB-HEAD BY THE MEGACORPORATION GIRICORPS, PAVITR GAVE UP ON BEING SPIDER-MAN. BUT UPON REALIZING HOW MUCH HE COULD GET PAID FOR ORIGINAL CONTENT OF SPIDER-MAN MAKING A FOOL OF HIMSELF, PAVITR TOOK A JOB AT GIRICORPS. WHILE HE QUICKLY BECAME A RISING STAR IN THE OFFICE, THIS UNFORTUNATELY PUT HIM ON THE RADAR OF GIRICORPS C.E.O. GIRI SAHIB, WHO LEARNED THAT PAVITR WAS A STUDENT OF DR. KUSHAL B. KUMAR, A.K.A. THE LIZARD! DR. KUMAR HAD BEEN DOING EXPERIMENTS INVOLVING DRAINING VICTIMS' LIFE ENERGY ON BEHALF OF GIRI. WEEKS AGO, DURING ONE SUCH EXPERIMENT, KUMAR KIDNAPPED PAVITR TO DRAIN HIS LIFE ENERGY BUT DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT PAVITR'S POWERS, WHICH CAUSED KUMAR'S REPTILIAN TRANSFORMATION. NOW PAVITR IS IN HOT WATER AFTER REFUSING TO POST A VIDEO OF A SPIDER-MAN IMPERSONATOR BEATING UP A CIVILIAN, GIVING GIRI'S GOONS THE PERFECT EXCUSE TO APPREHEND HIM.

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IT'S HARD DOING THE RIGHT THING SOMETIMES. IT'S HARDER TO KNOW WHAT THE RIGHT THING EVEN *IS*.



WHAT IF DOING THE RIGHT THING FOR YOU, YOUR **FAMILY**, MEANS SCREWING SOMEONE ELSE OVER? HOW DO YOU *LIVE* WITH YOURSELF?



I DON'T HATE SPIDER-MAN. FAR FROM IT. I'M JUST PAID TO *SPREAD* HATE ABOUT HIM.



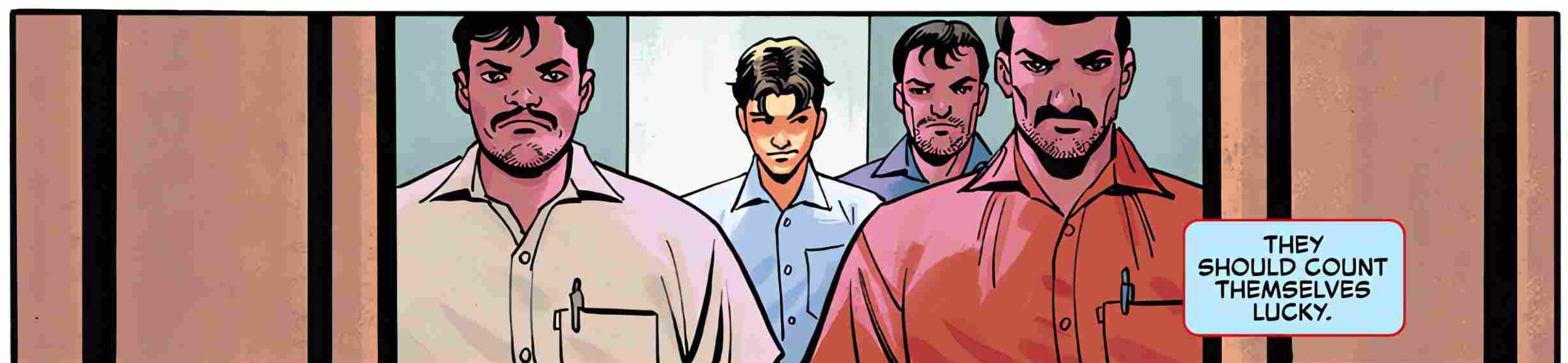
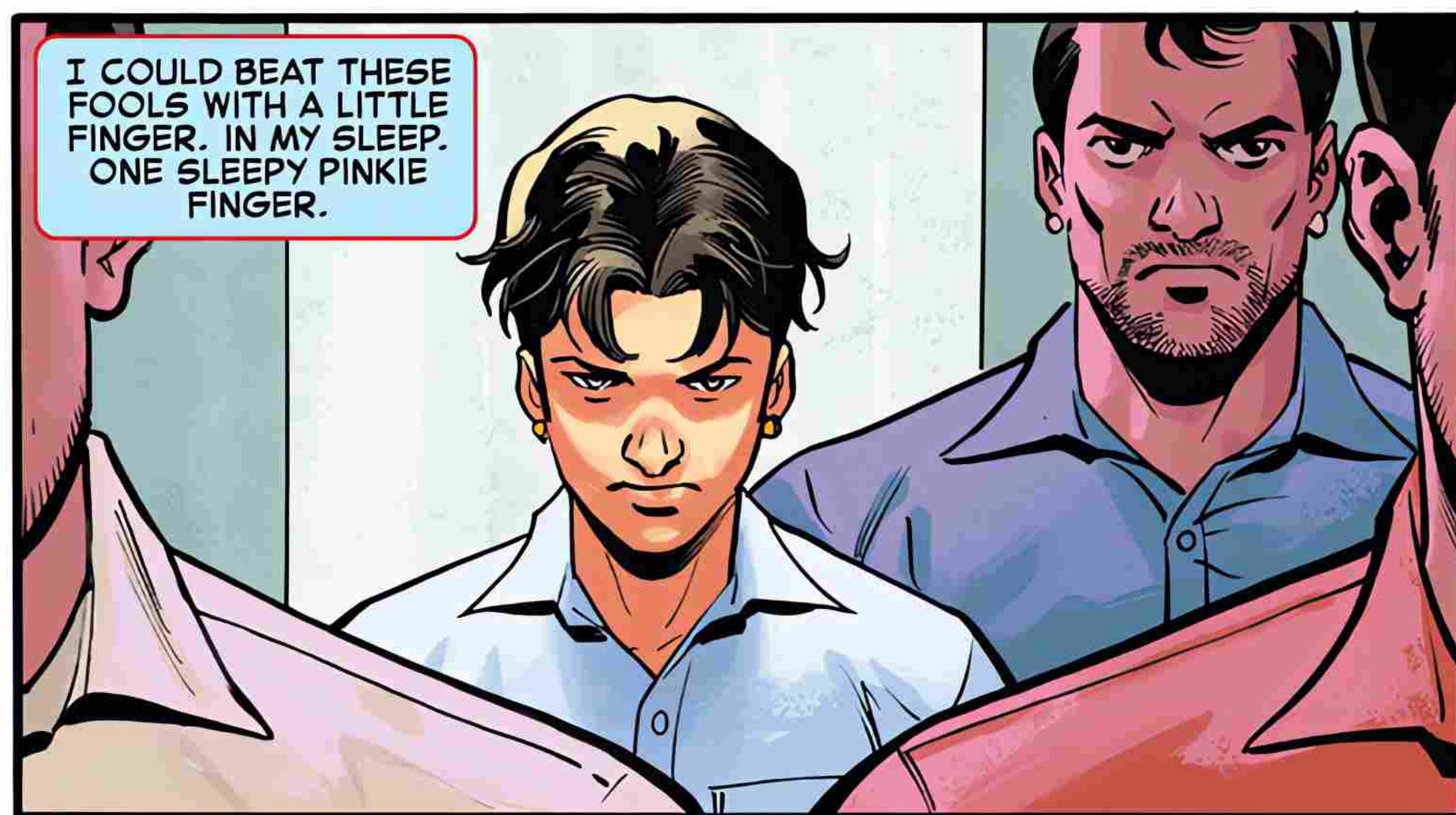
I NEED TO PROVIDE FOR MY BROTHER. IT'S SIMPLE DUTY. THAT'S ALL IT IS.

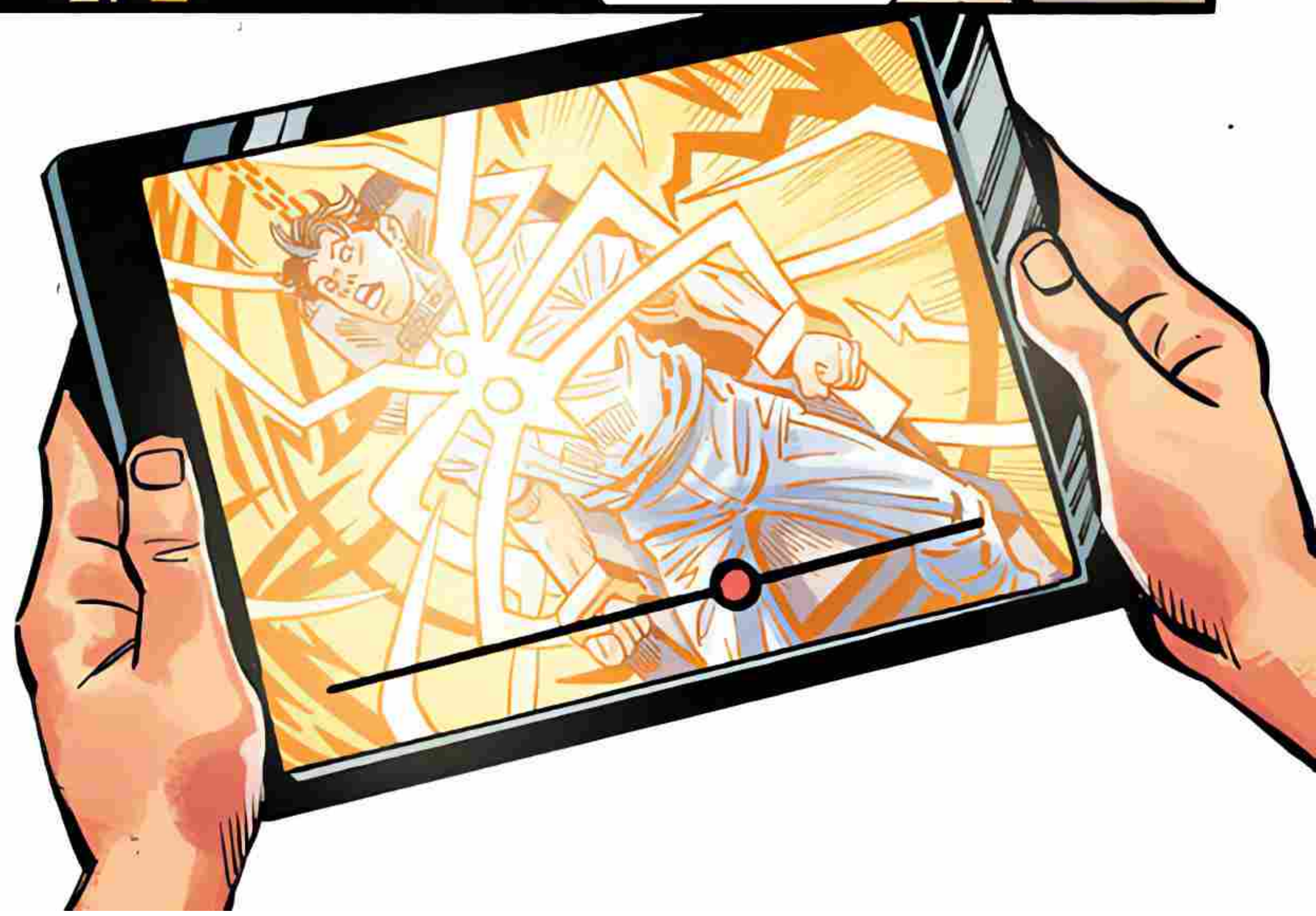
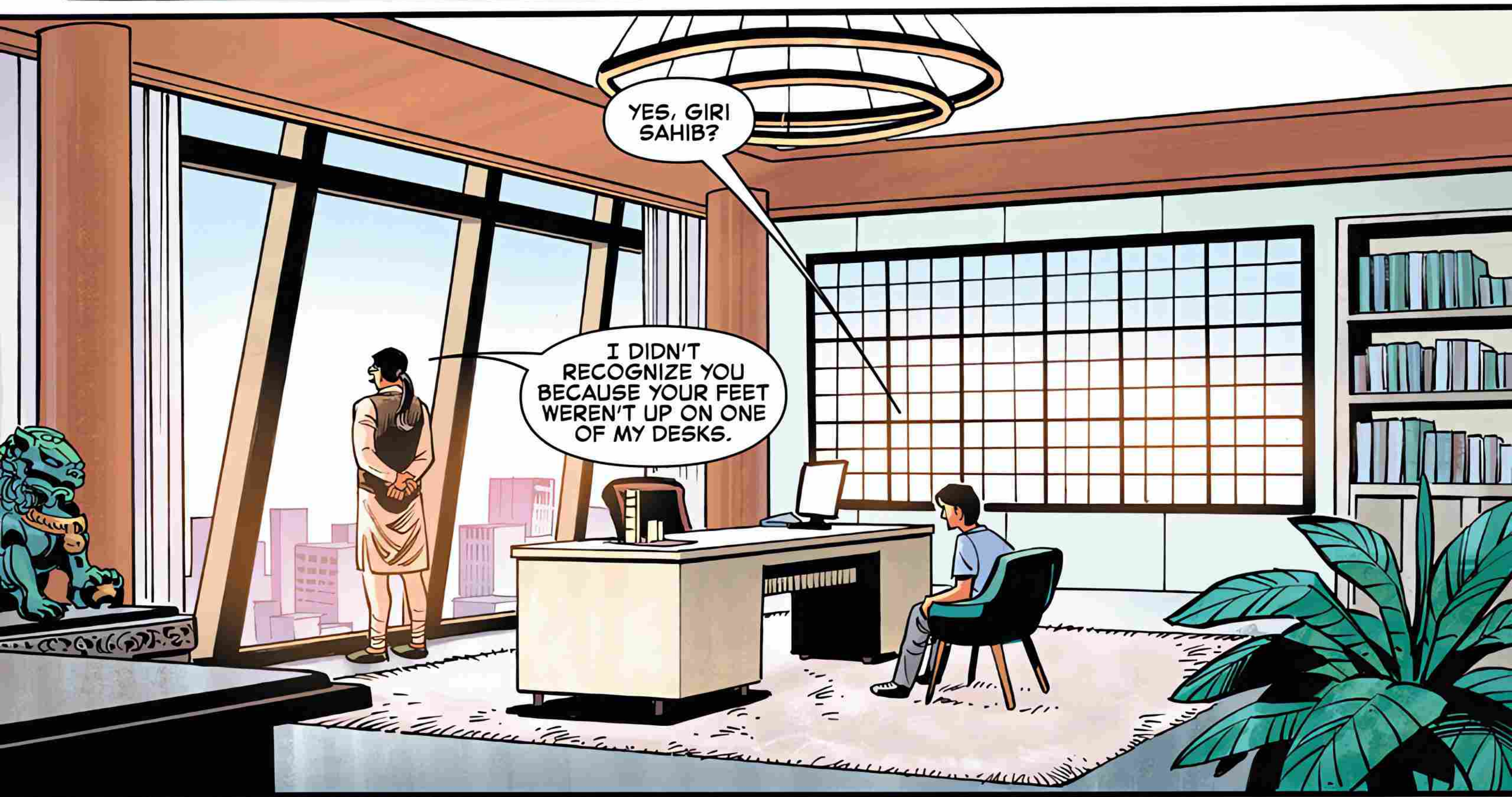


IT'S BEEN HARD DOING THIS JOB. SPILLING BILE ONTO THE INTERNET. FOR HOURS EVERY DAY. IT GNAWS AT YOU.

I CAN'T EAT, I CAN'T SLEEP, I REALLY MESSSED UP.









YOU ARE A
CURIOUS FELLOW.
WHERE ARE YOU
FROM?



JUST
FROM AROUND,
YOU KNOW. I'M A
LOCAL BOY DONE
GOOD.



I HAD YOU
PEGGED AS ONE
OF THOSE DIME-A-
DOZEN KIDS WHO ARE
ON A CAROUSEL IN
AND OUT OF THIS
BUILDING.

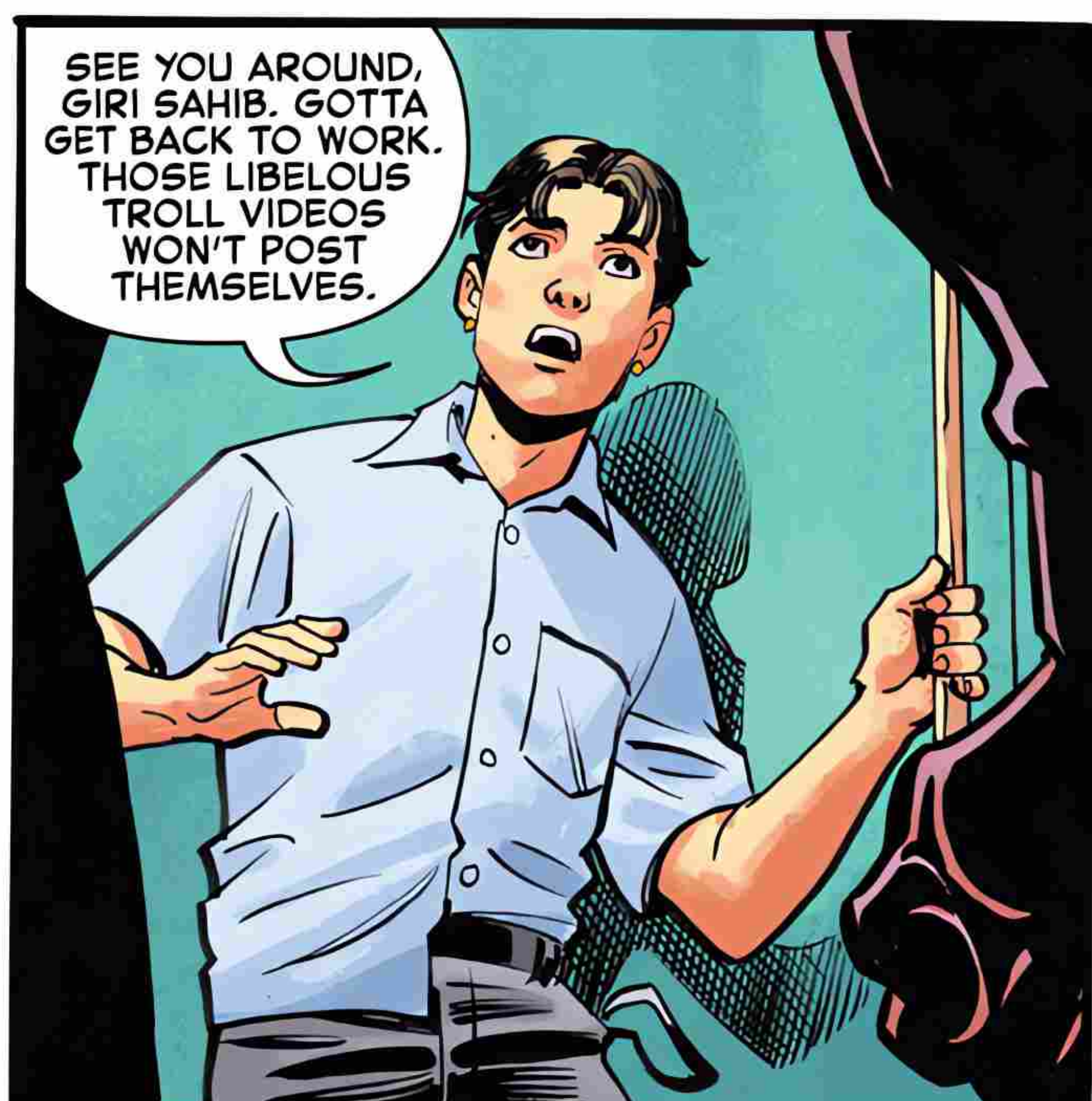


WHAT ARE
YOU? THAT ENERGY
SOURCE... I HAD THE
BEST SCIENTISTS
ANALYZE IT. AND IT WAS
BEYOND EVEN THEIR
COMPREHENSION.



NICE MEETING YOU. WE SHOULD
GET PASTRIES ONE DAY.

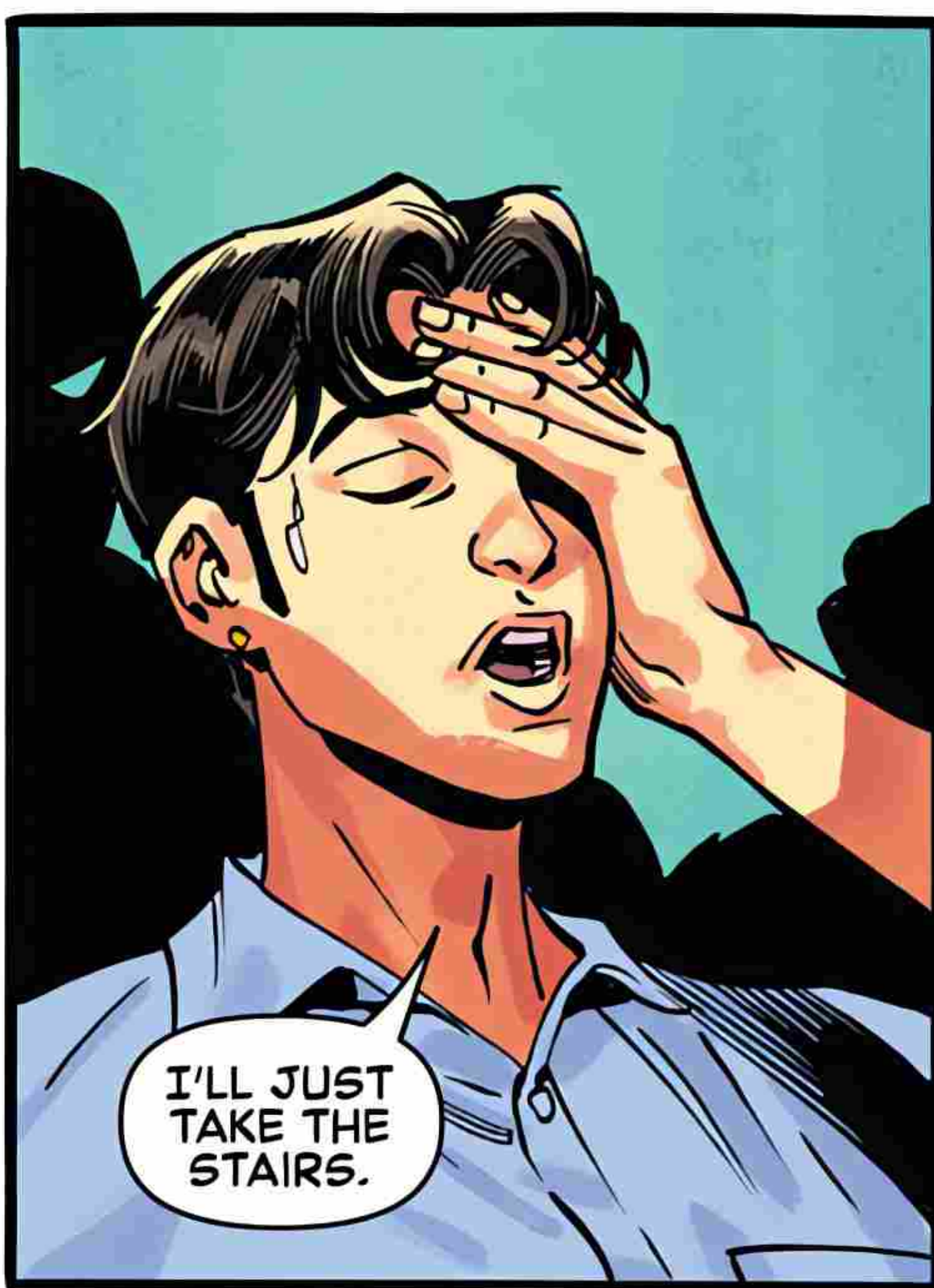
ENERGY
SO POWERFUL,
IT'S NOT OF THIS
WORLD. ENERGY
THAT COULD TURN
ME INTO A GOD.
I MUST
HAVE IT.



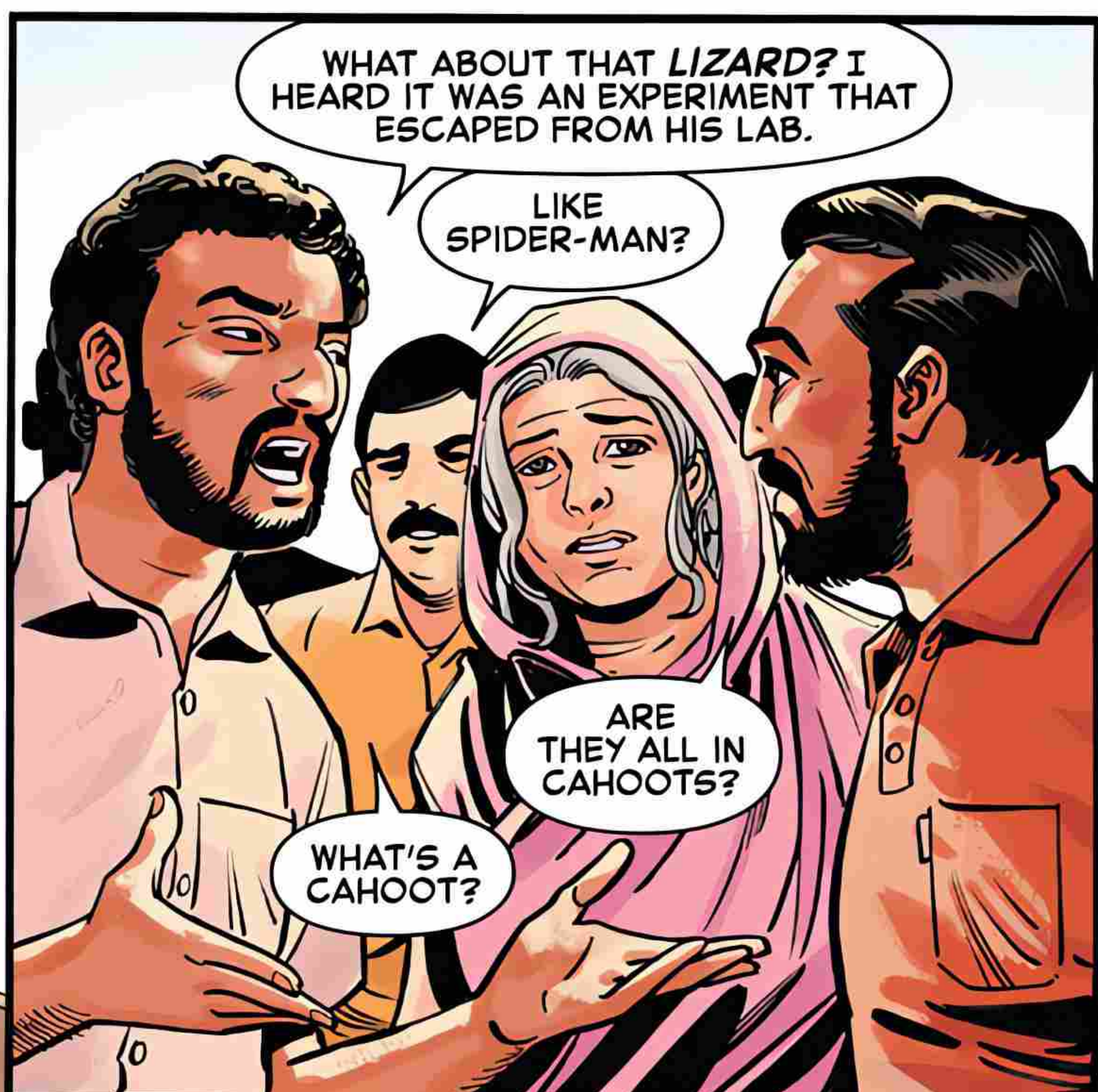
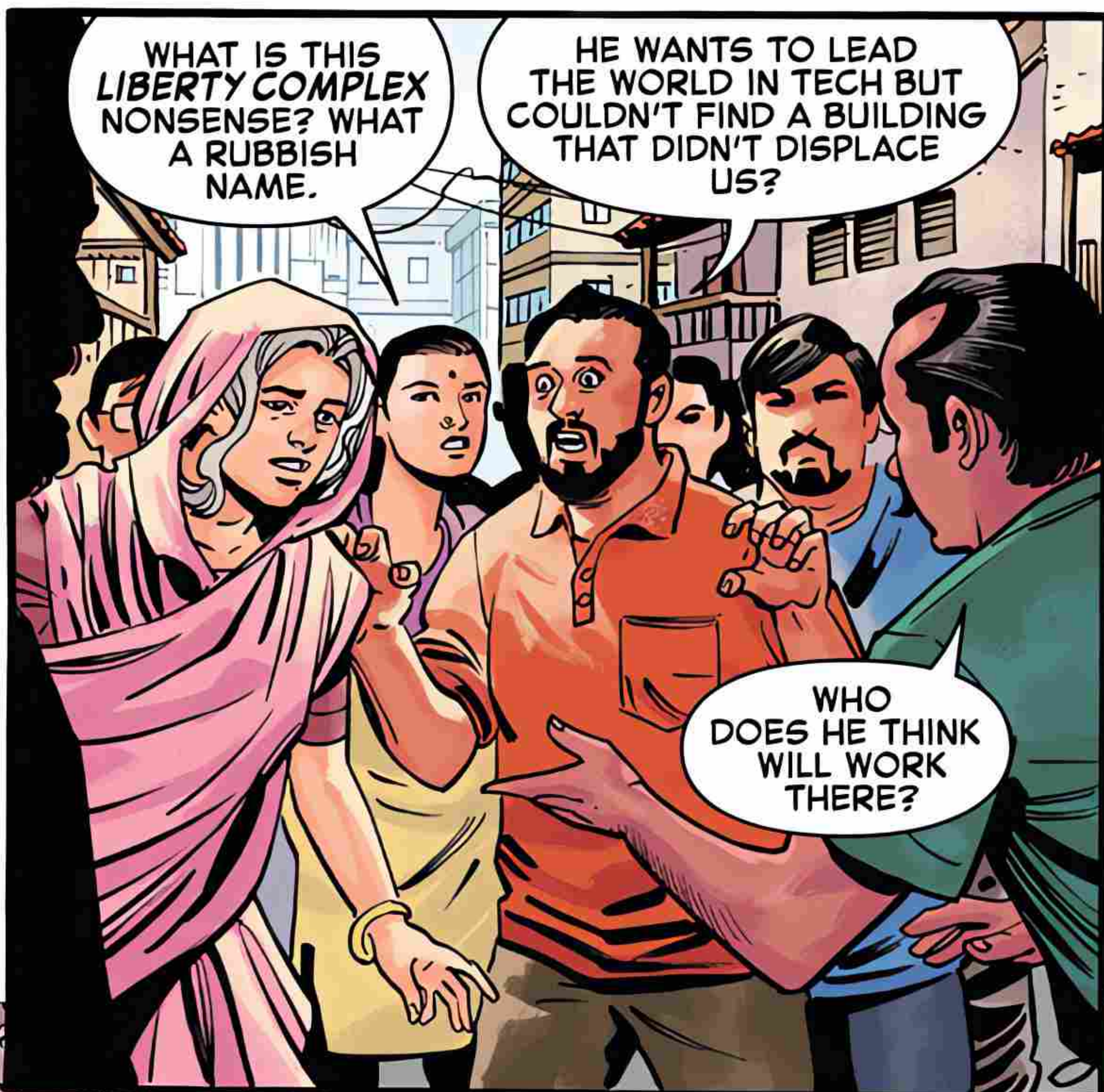
SEE YOU AROUND,
GIRI SAHIB. GOTTA
GET BACK TO WORK.
THOSE LIBELOUS
TROLL VIDEOS
WON'T POST
THEMSELVES.

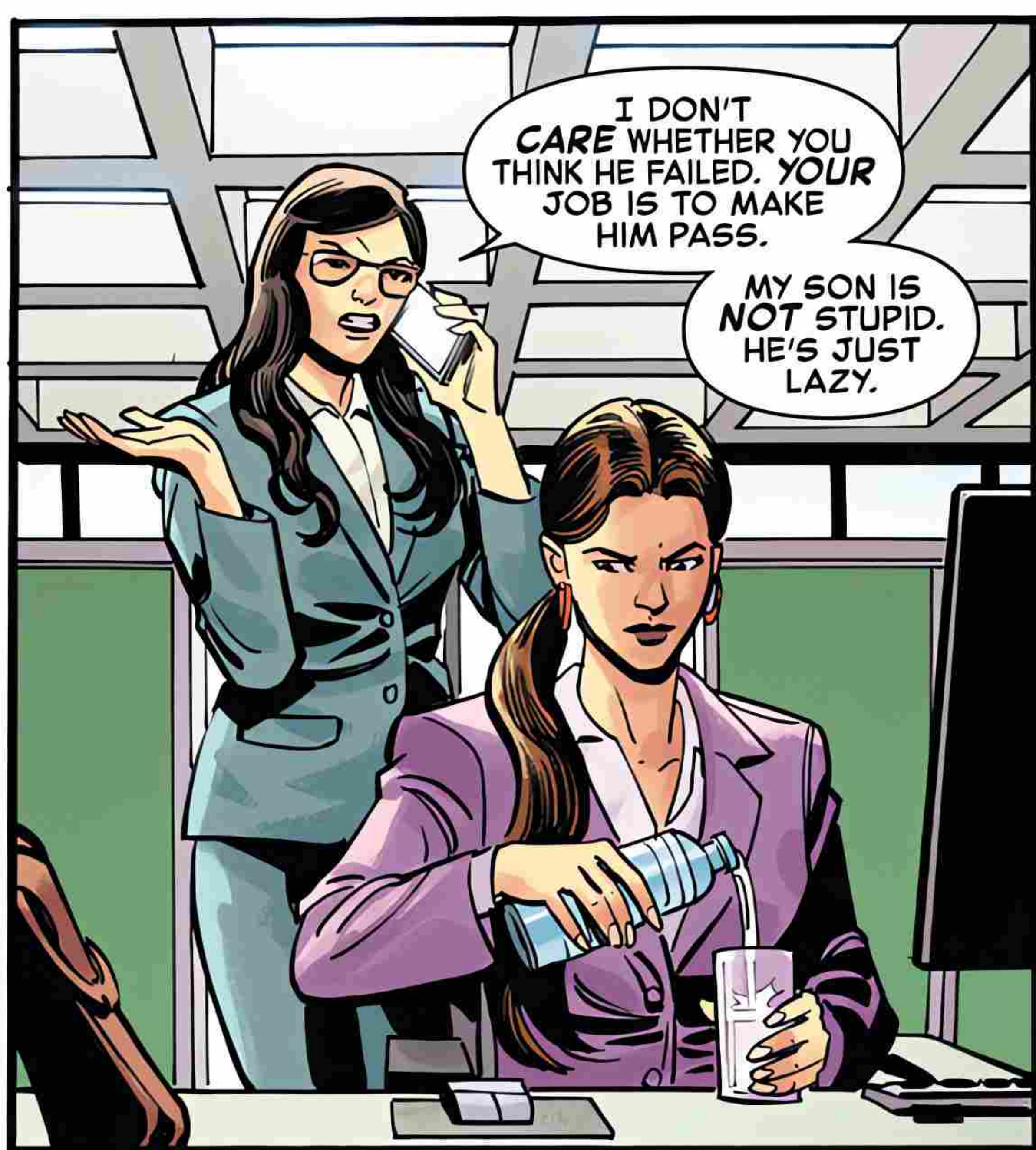
PRABHAKAR!
IT'S BEEN A
WHILE!





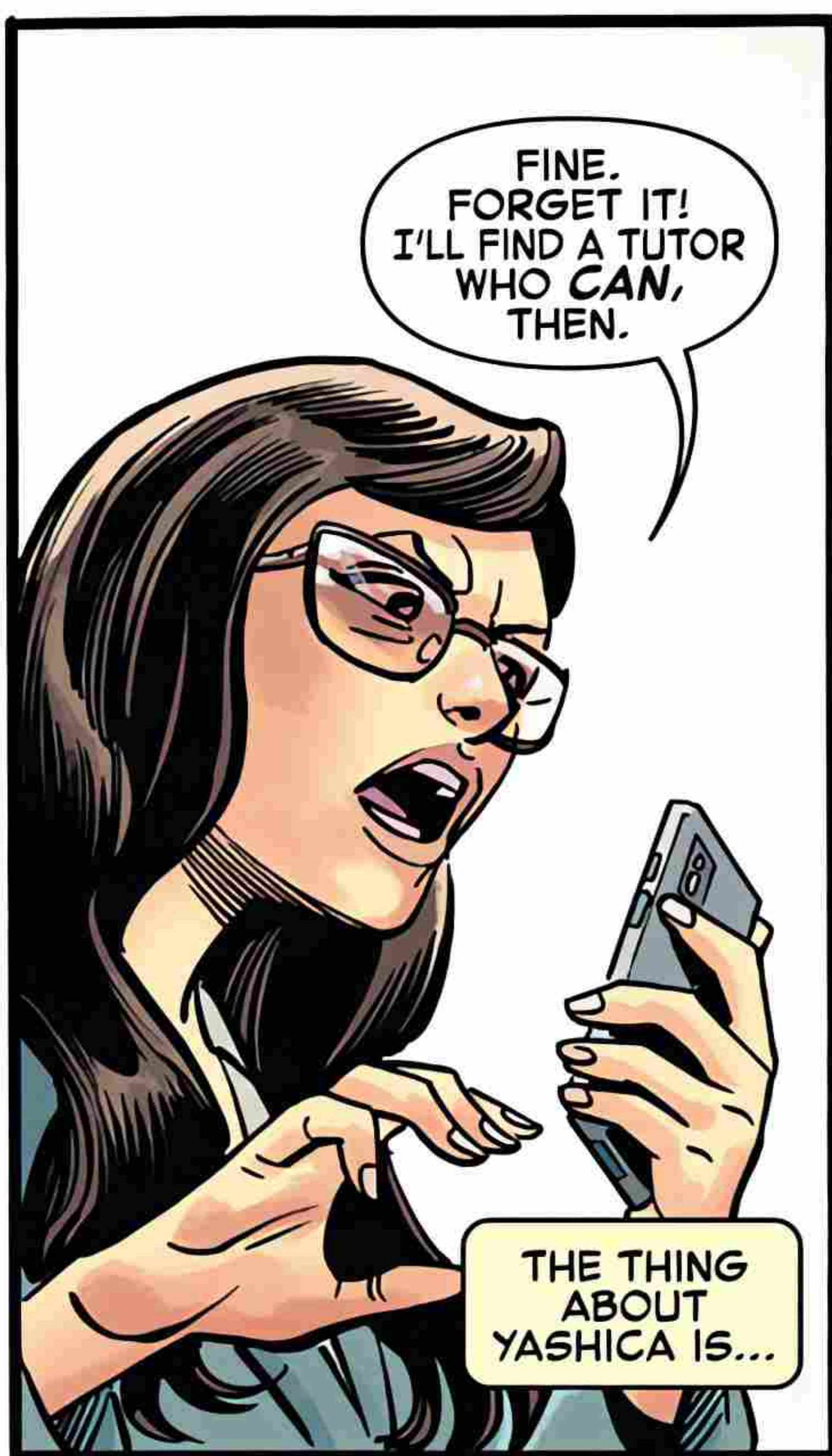






I DON'T CARE WHETHER YOU THINK HE FAILED. YOUR JOB IS TO MAKE HIM PASS.

MY SON IS NOT STUPID. HE'S JUST LAZY.



FINE. FORGET IT! I'LL FIND A TUTOR WHO CAN, THEN.

THE THING ABOUT YASHICA IS...



...SHE'S A HAMMER WHO THINKS EVERYTHING IS A NAIL.



#&%& BEVAKOOF!

I, ON THE OTHER HAND, AM A SCALPEL.



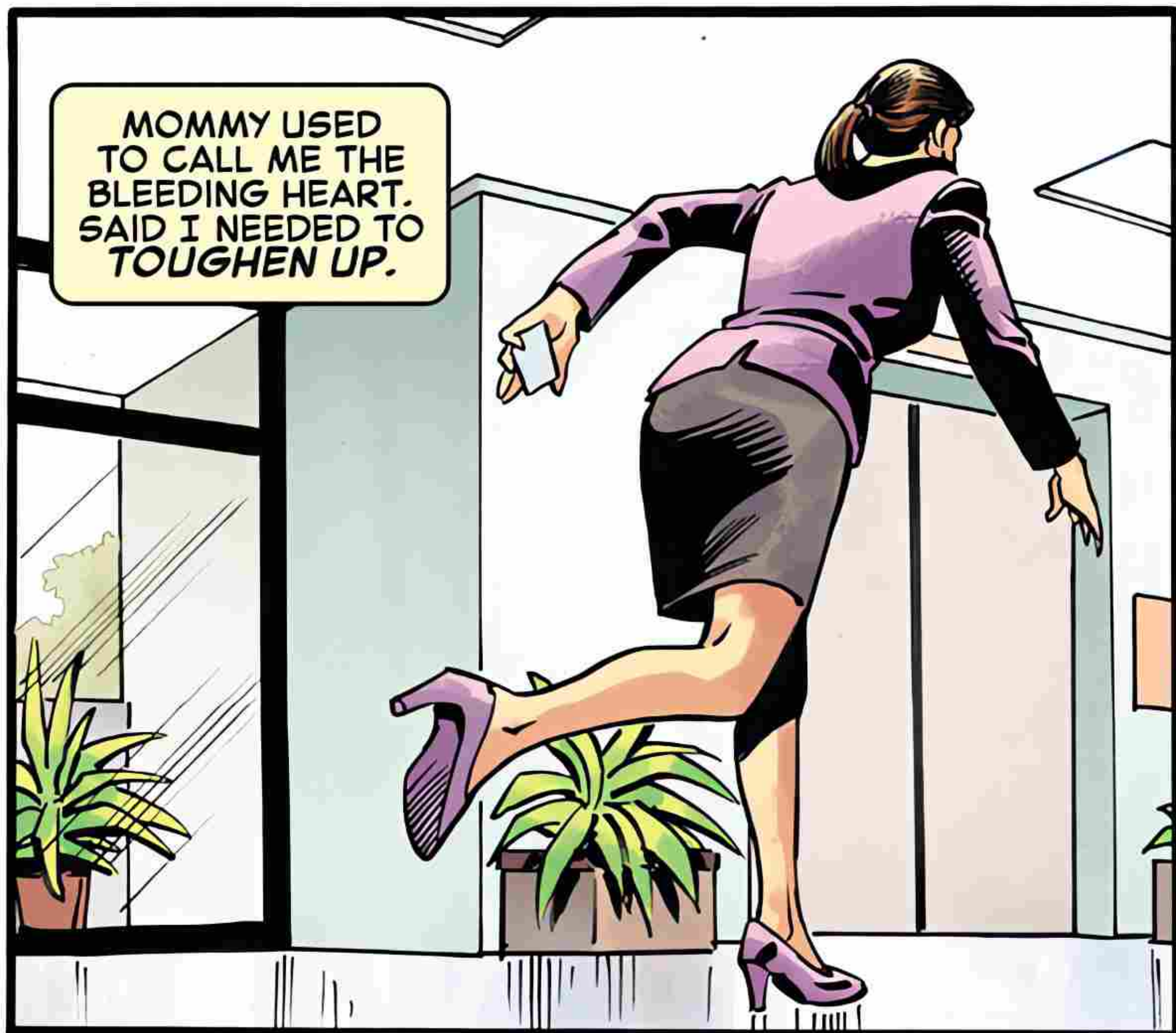
I MOVE SILENTLY AND SMOOTHLY.



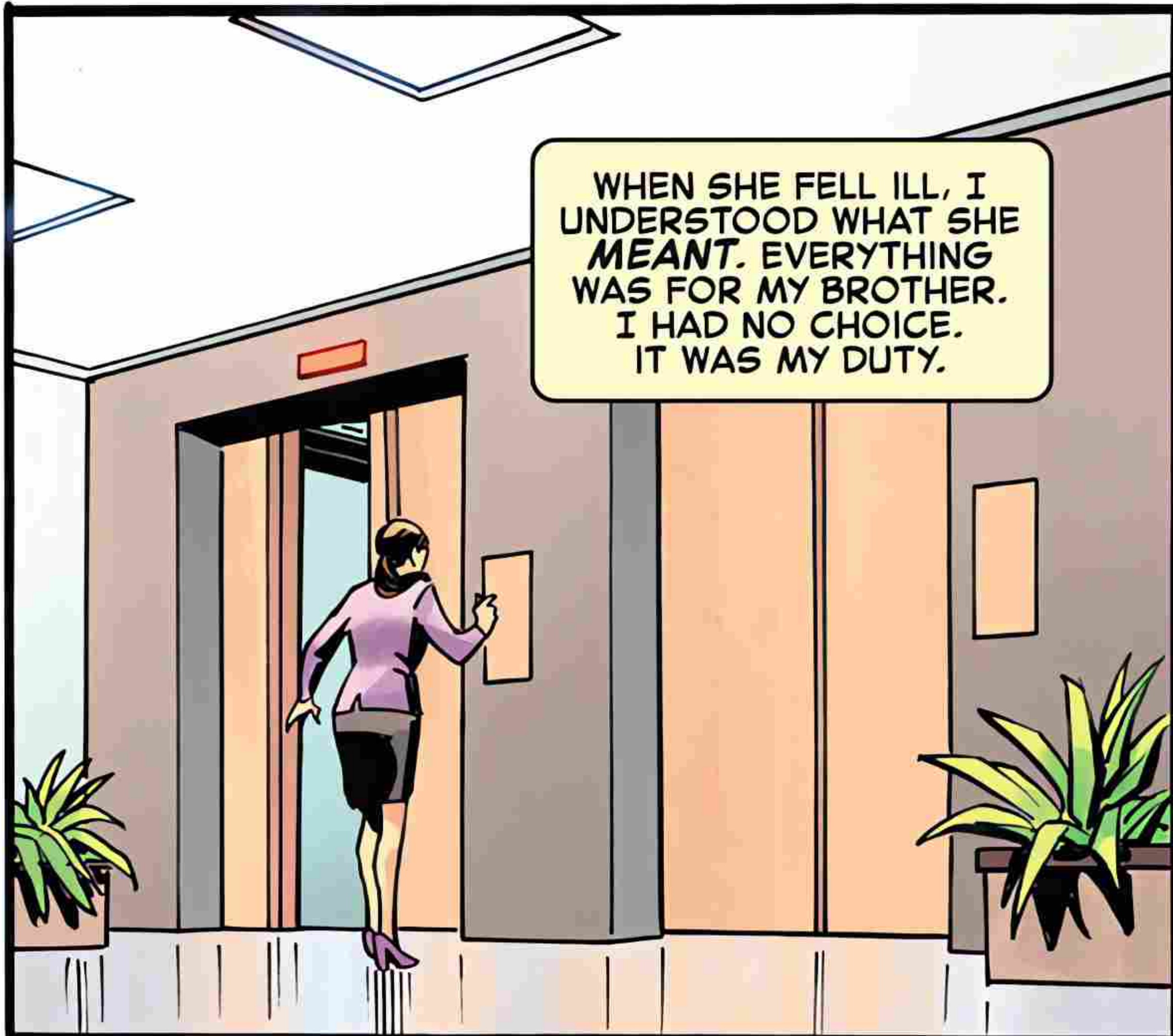
YOU'LL NEVER SEE ME COMING.

MY CUTS ARE ALWAYS CLEAN.





MOMMY USED TO CALL ME THE BLEEDING HEART. SAID I NEEDED TO TOUGHEN UP.



WHEN SHE FELL ILL, I UNDERSTOOD WHAT SHE MEANT. EVERYTHING WAS FOR MY BROTHER. I HAD NO CHOICE. IT WAS MY DUTY.



I GREW TO NOT BE SOFT. I GREW TO BE COLD. FOCUSED ON BEING A PROVIDER.



DAD HADN'T BEEN SENDING MONEY BACK FOR MONTHS. WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IF HE WAS STILL ALIVE.



THE THING IS, YOU CAN'T EVER DENY WHO YOU REALLY ARE.

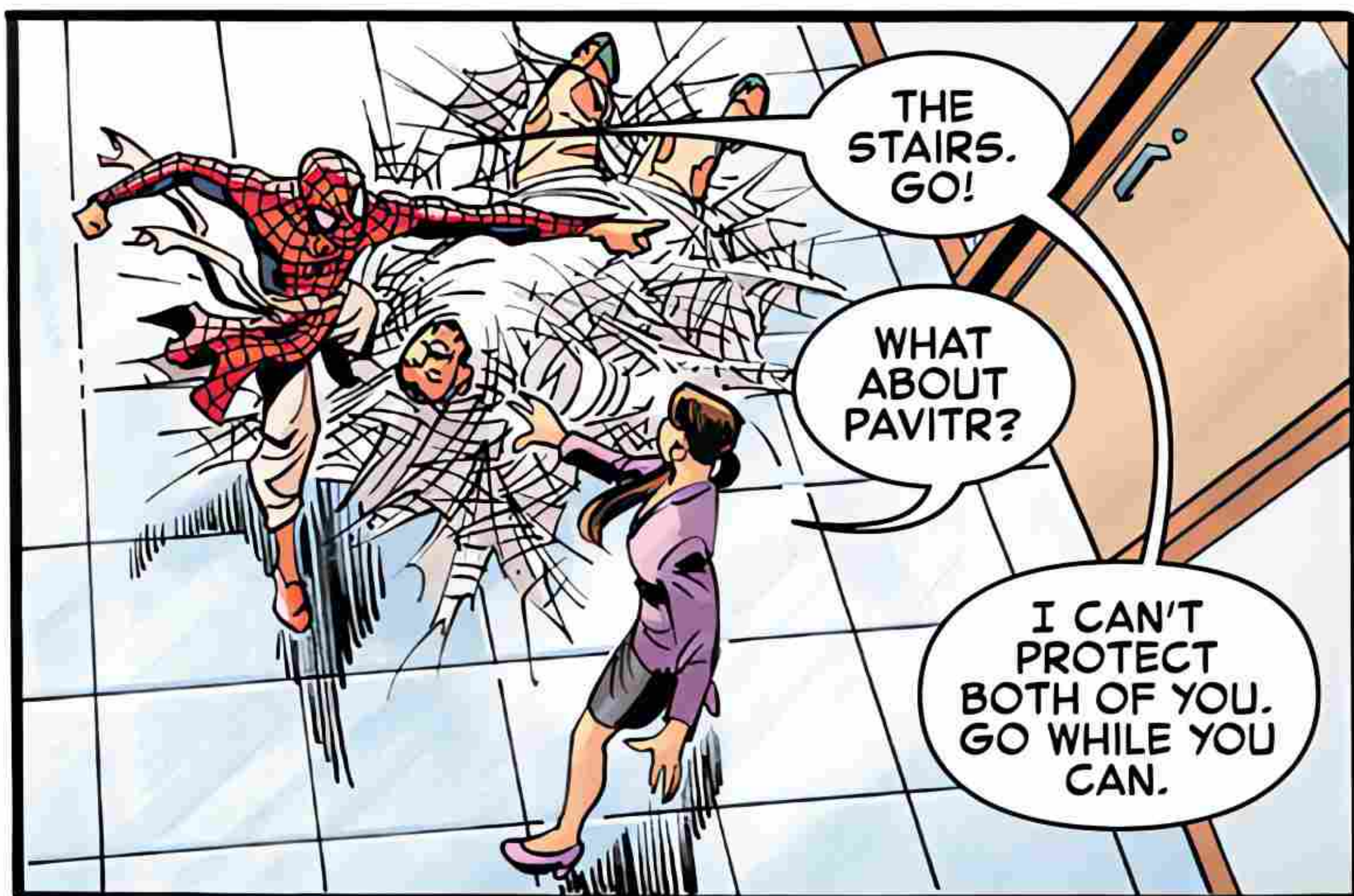


A BLEEDING HEART BLEEDS FOREVER.

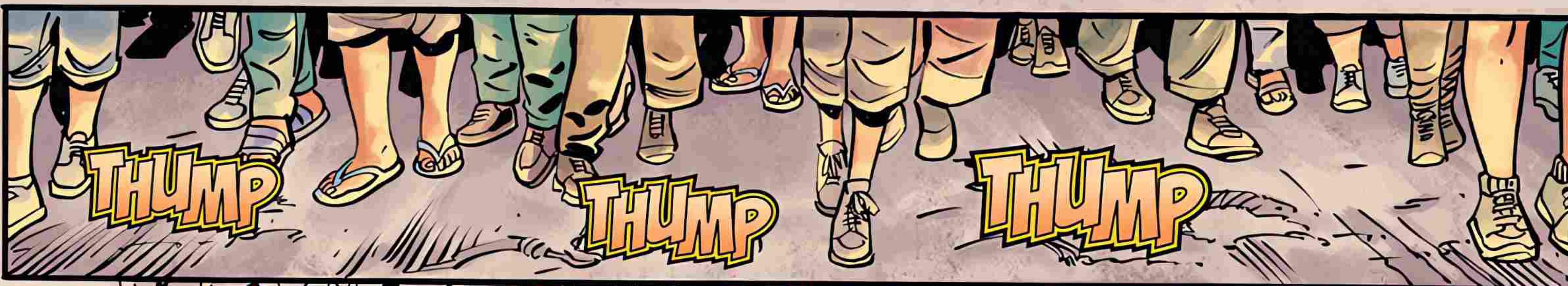
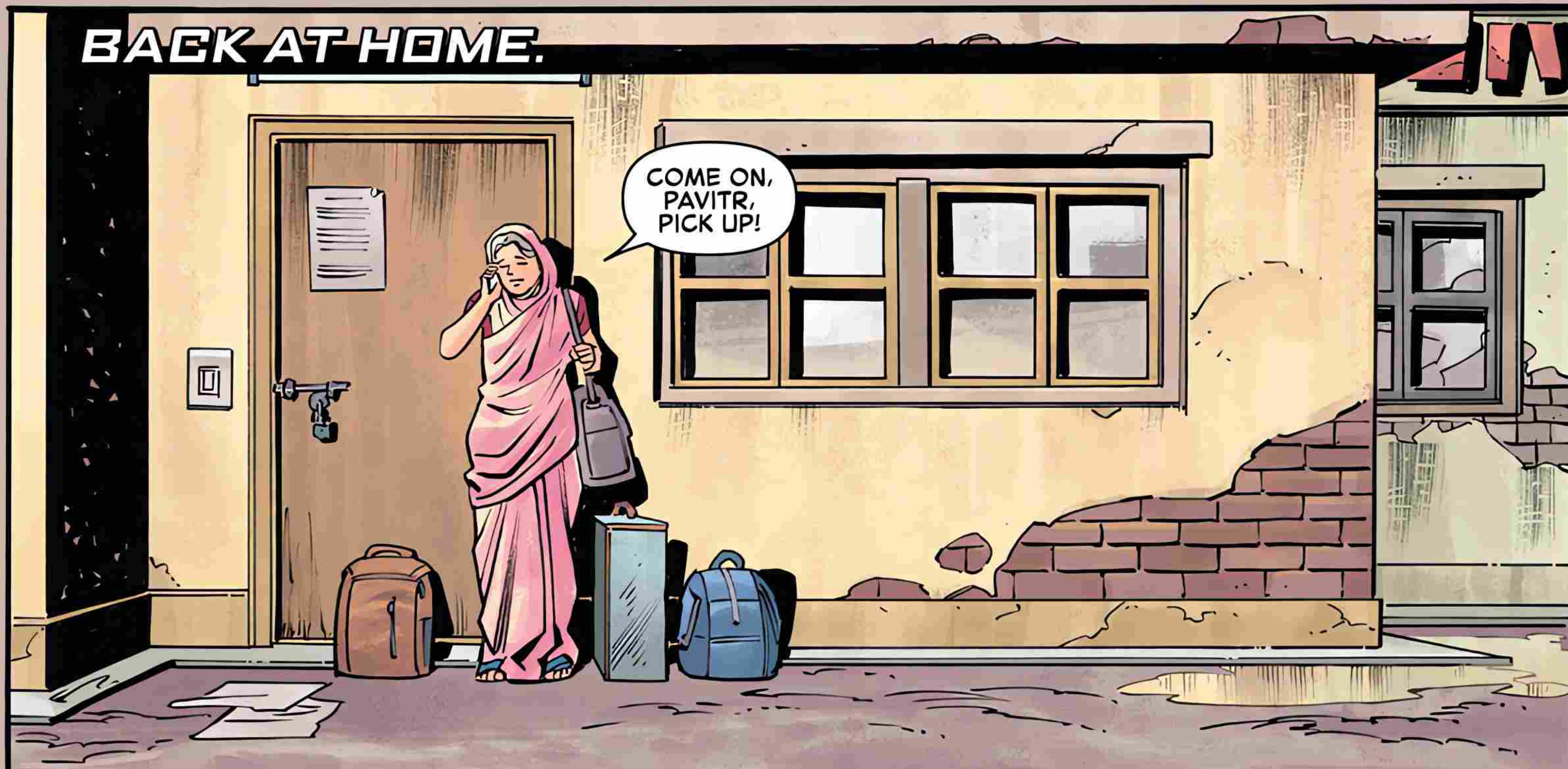








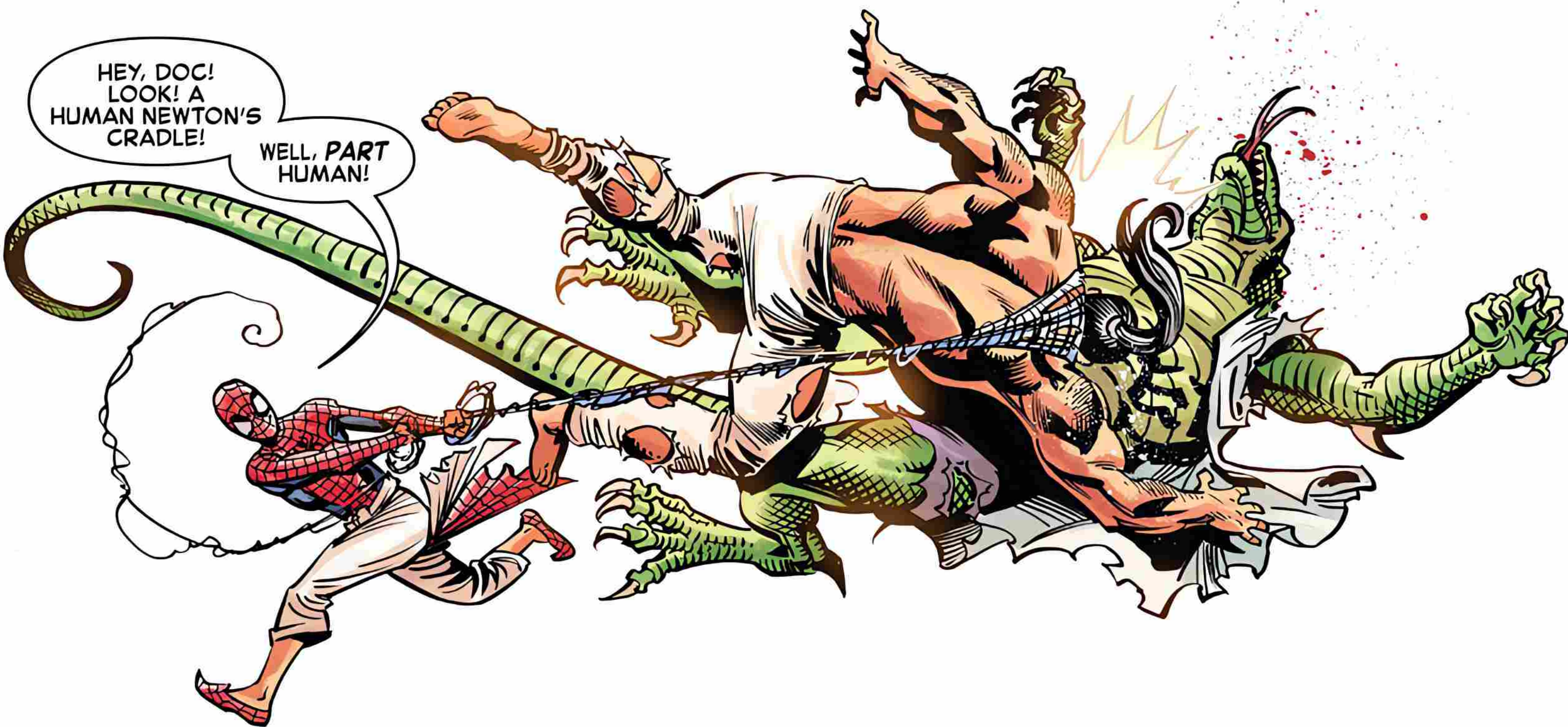
BACK AT HOME.



MOST PEOPLE
WITH MORE MONEY
THAN SENSE BUY AN
EXPENSIVE CAR OR A
SPACE ROCKET, GIRI SAHIB.
YOU SPENT ALL YOUR
BILLIONS ON A GYM
MEMBERSHIP? THAT'S
ADMIRABLE.

THWIP





HEY, DOC!
LOOK! A
HUMAN NEWTON'S
CRADLE!

WELL, PART
HUMAN!

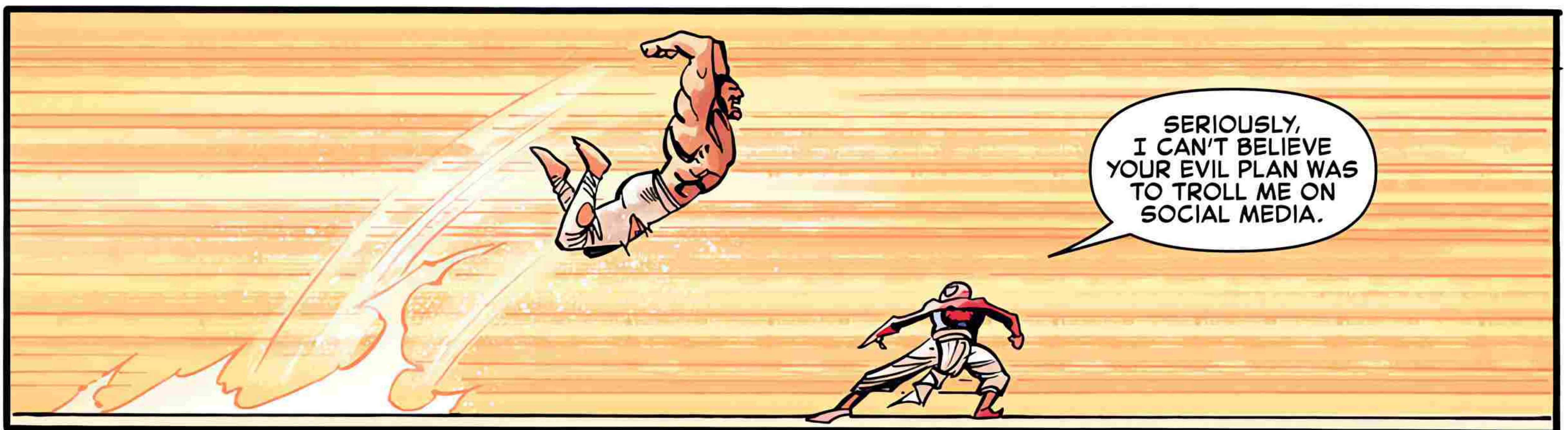


GIRL! BRO! WHY ARE YOU TRYING
TO MESS UP THIS CITY? WHO
HURT YOU?



STOP
TALKING!

IT WAS
YOUR DAD,
WASN'T IT? ALL THIS
STINKS OF DADDY
ISSUES.



SERIOUSLY,
I CAN'T BELIEVE
YOUR EVIL PLAN WAS
TO TROLL ME ON
SOCIAL MEDIA.



I DON'T
EVEN HAVE A
VERIFIED
ACCOUNT.



DO YOU?
COULD YOU HELP
A HERO OUT? I
SHOULD BE VERIFIED.



SQUEEZING
A BIT TIGHT
THERE, BIG
GUY.

YOU ARE
A CURIOUS
CREATURE,
SPIDER-
MAN.

HE'S
ALL YOURS,
KUMAR.



WHY IS IT THAT
THE WEAKEST MEN
ARE GIFTED SUCH
POWER?

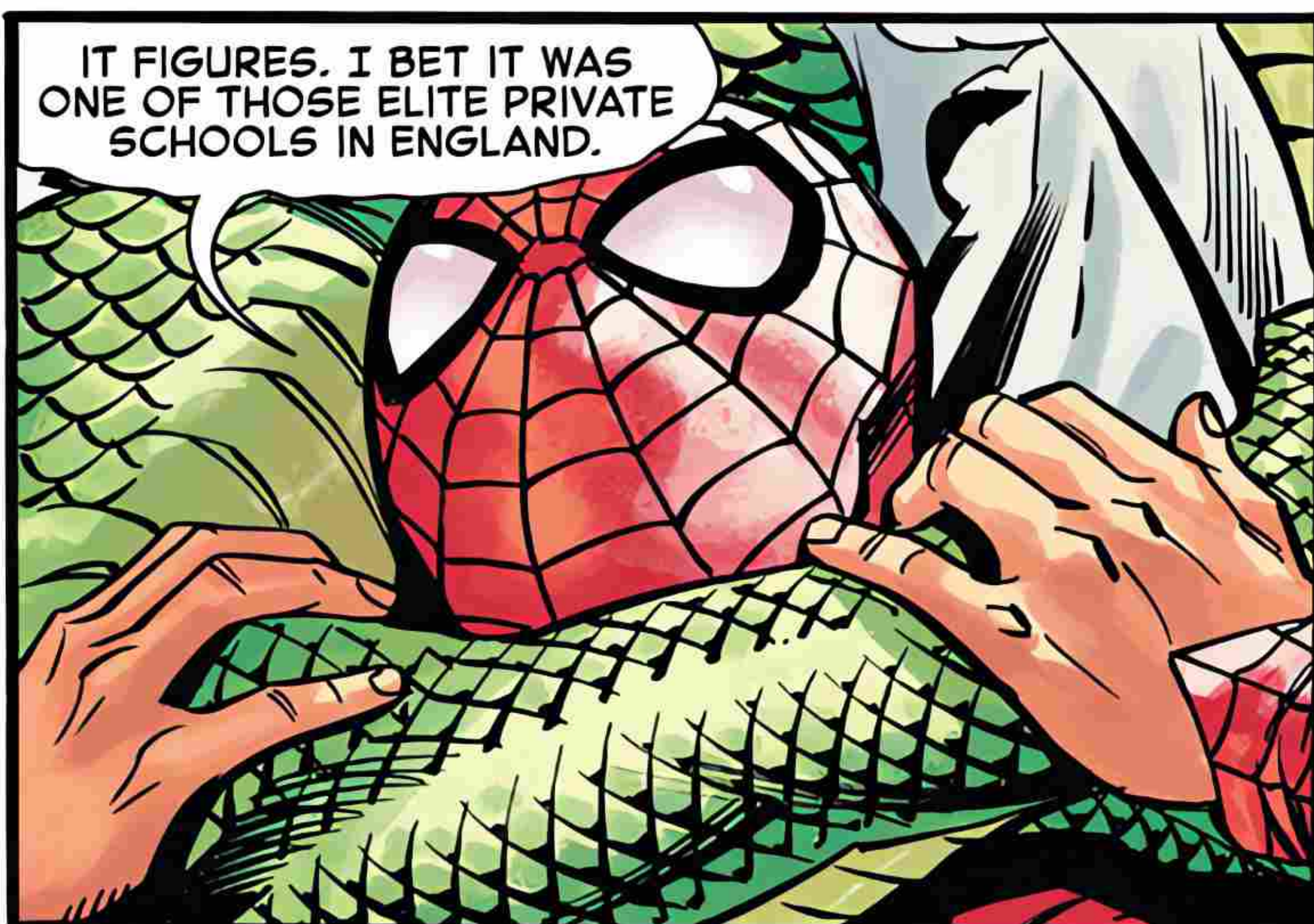
HARNESS
HIS POWER. I'LL FIND
PRABHAKAR AND BRING HIM
TO YOU. WE WILL BE GODS.



THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BELIEVING
IN ME, NARAN.

WHEN WE
WERE AT SCHOOL,
WE SAID WE'D RUN THIS
COUNTRY TOGETHER.

WAIT,
YOU'RE OLD
SCHOOL BUDDIES?



IT FIGURES. I BET IT WAS
ONE OF THOSE ELITE PRIVATE
SCHOOLS IN ENGLAND.

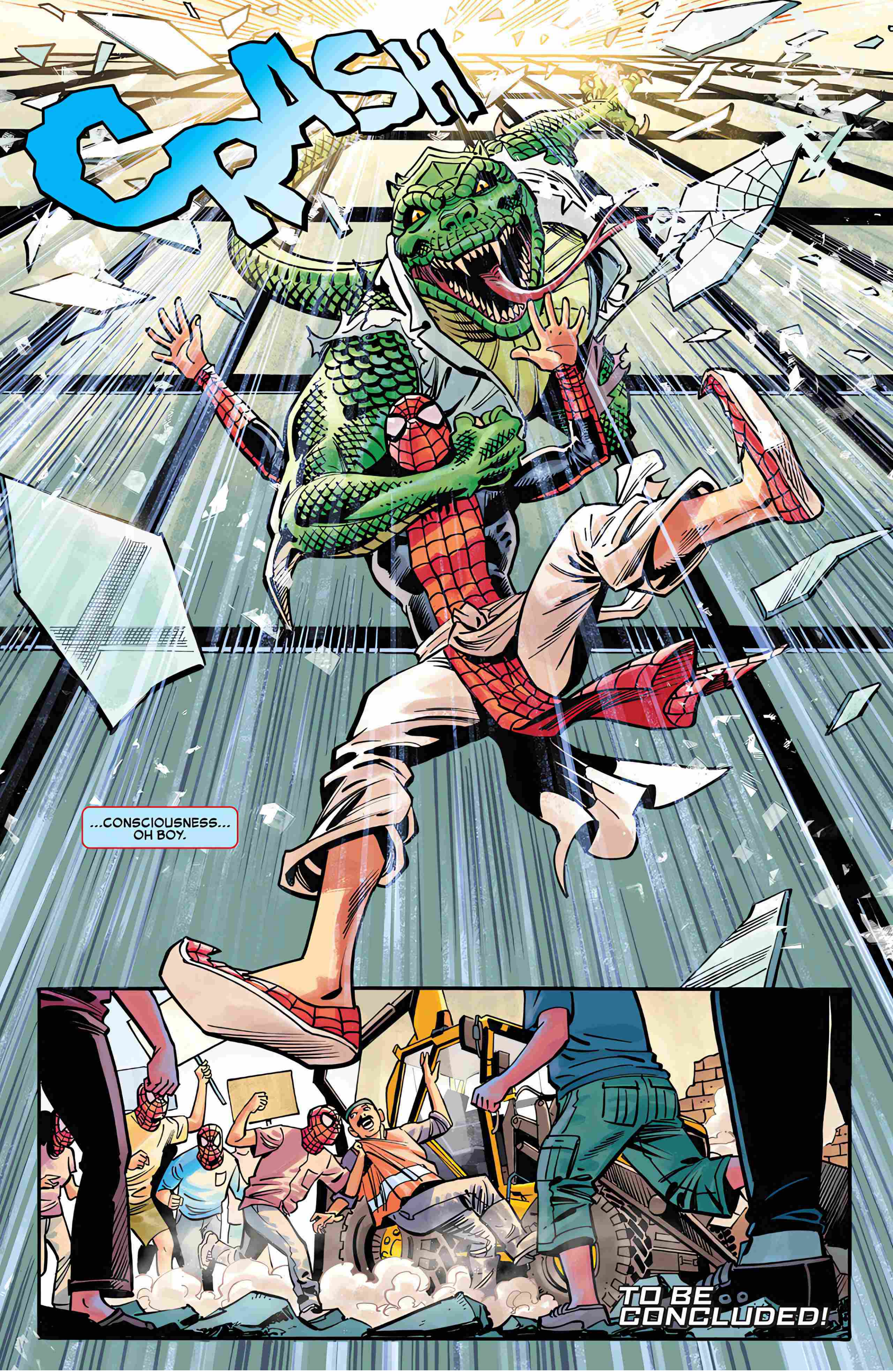


YOU KNOW
WHAT YOU HAVE
TO DO?



YOU SMELL
DELICIOUS,
SPIDER-MAN.

THIS GUY'S GRIP
IS WILD. I CAN
BARELY BREATHE.
I'M LOSING...



CRASH

...CONSCIOUSNESS...
OH BOY.

TO BE
CONCLUDED!

NEXT:



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